

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

09/697,446

Applicant(s)

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Examiner

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 5/17/2006.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1, 3-9, 11-17 and 19-24 (Renumbered as 1-21).
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
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6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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| | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____. |

DETAILED ACTION

This action is in response to the Appeal Brief filed on May 17, 2006.

Claims 1, 3-9, 11-17 and 19-24 are allowed.

Claims 2, 10 and 18 are cancelled with this examiner's amendment.

Examiner's Amendment

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Betty Formby [Reg. No. 36,536] on 8/1/2006.

The application has been amended as follows:

Please cancel claims 2, 10 and 18.

Please amend claims 1, 6, 9, 14, 17 and 22 as follows.

Claim 1,

At line 5, delete [a string] and add --a text string--.

At line 7, delete [said string] and add --said text string--.

At line 6, delete [; and] and add --;--.

At line 8, delete [.] and add --; and--.

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At line 9, add --wherein said text string is not flagged as a possible hard-coded string if said text string is a path name to said resource file.--.

Claim 6,

At lines 1 and 2, delete [said string] and add --said text string--.

Claim 9,

At line 5, delete [a string] and add --a text string--.

At line 7, delete [said string] and add --said text string--.

At line 6, delete [; and] and add --;--.

At line 8, delete [.] and add --; and--.

At line 9, add --wherein said text string is not flagged as a possible hard-coded string if said text string is a path name to said resource file.--.

Claim 14,

At lines 1 and 2, delete [said string] and add --said text string--.

Claim 17,

At line 10, delete [a string] and add --a text string--.

At line 12, delete [said string] and add --said text string--.

At line 11, delete [; and] and add --;--.

At line 13, delete [.] and add --; and--.

At line 14, add --means for not flagging said text string is not flagged as a possible hard-coded string if said text string is a path name to said resource file.--

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The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: as pointed out by the Applicants in the appellant argument that the cited prior art (Bowen et al. [6,094,694]) taken alone or in combination fail to teach, in combination with the other claimed limitations, *scanning programming code for a first pair of string delimiters that are used to delimit text strings; determining whether a string within said first pair of string delimiters is a path name to a resource file; and if said string is not a path name to said resource file then flagging said string as a possible hard-coded string; and wherein said text string is not flagged as a possible hard-coded string if said text string is a path name to said resource file* as now recited with this examiner's amendment in the independent claims 1, 9 and 17.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Satish S. Rampuria whose telephone number is (571) 272-3732. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30 am to 5:00 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Wei Y. Zhen can be reached on (571) 272-3708. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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